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Applicants respectfully submit this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in order to comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. The Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the above information and that a copy of the enclosed Information Disclosure Statements by Applicant (PTO/SB/08A) be returned indicating that such information has been considered

The cited references were called to Applicants' attention in an Office Action issued on July 9, 2002, during the prosecution of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/705,617, now U.S. Patent No. 6,729,266, which is a parent application to the



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instant case. The Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art.

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Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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